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**Sent:** Fri 12/13/2013 11:53:06 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Upper Animas River, San Juan County, Colorado  
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From: Schmittiel, Paula  
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 2:36 PM  
To: Linn, Peggy; Hestmark, Martin; Murray, Bill; Wharton, Steve  
Cc: Forrest, Sabrina  
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From: Peter Butler [mailto: **Personal Email/Ex. 6**]  
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From: Peter Butler [mailto: **Personal Email/Ex. 6**]  
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 1:56 PM  
To: Peter Butler  
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Dear Stakeholders. Thought this would be of interest.

Peter Butler  
970-259-0986

Dear Sir/Madam:

The attached file has a letter addressed to Dr. Larry Wolk, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer,

concerning contamination of the Animas River, San Juan County, Colorado. The letter summarizes the water contamination issues, and includes a petition and references. The petition calls on CDPHE to take more aggressive action in restoring the Animas River to healthy conditions.

Toxic discharges from mines in the Upper Animas Mining District cause water concentrations of pollutants to exceed standards in the upper Animas River.

Some mine remediation has occurred in the last two decades; however, the mine effluents continue to seriously impact aquatic life.

CDPHE is, of course, the responsible State agency. We would appreciate learning about CDPHE plans to remedy the Animas River contamination, and learning how we might assist.

Sincerely,

**Citizen Name/Ex. 6**

cc: Animas River Stakeholders Group